Iowa Department of Human Services

Iowa Medicaid ICD-10 Testing Tips
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Key Points of ICD-10 Testing

- All Partners must register with the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) in order to participate in testing.

- A Partner can be an external billing entity, a healthcare provider, or a clearing house.

- To register, please complete the ICD-10 External Testing Registration.

- Register only the billing level National Provider Identification (NPI) numbers. Do not include rendering or treating NPI numbers.

Testing Guidance

- When submitting ICD-10 test claims, they should be identical to an ICD-9 claim that has been submitted to the IME. Simply re-code an ICD-9 claim using ICD-10 format. Everything else should remain the same. No additional procedures or elements should be added to the ICD-10 claim as this will not be a true comparison.

- If testing in CollabT, both the ICD-9 and ICD-10 coded claims should be submitted into CollabT for comparison purposes.

- If testing directly with EDISS, ICD-10 coded claims will be submitted into EDISS Connect. Remittance advice statements will be returned on ICD-10 test claims for partner processing analysis and comparison with the corresponding ICD-9 production remittance advice.

Tips and Tricks for Successful Testing

- All claims must have a date of service ranging from January 1, 2015, through the current calendar date. The IME does not accept future dates of service on test claims. All claims must contain real claim data. No "dummy" data can be used.

- In addition to changing diagnosis codes on claims, be sure the ICD-10 qualifiers are used appropriately. For example, ICD-9 diagnosis with segment ID qualifier BK may change to ICD-10 diagnosis code with patient diagnosis qualifier ABK.

- Partners must be registered with EDISS to submit the 837 Health Care Claim transaction and receive the 835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice prior to testing with the IME.

- There is no maximum number of claims that Partners are allowed to test.

- Remittance advice statements for test claims are not available on the Iowa Medicaid Portal Access (IMPA) system or issued on paper. Statements are sent in electronic 835 format to the Provider's production mailbox.

- Partners participating in Direct Claims Submittal testing with EDISS must have an EDISS Connect account. The test claims will be submitted in EDISS Connect. Partners using this testing methodology should make sure they are able to access their EDISS Connect account prior to the beginning of their test cycle. If Partners are unable to access their account, it may cause delays in testing. If you have questions on whether or not you have an EDISS Connect account or questions regarding your access to this account, please contact EDISS at (800) 967-7902.

- PC-ACE Pro32 users must run the PC-ACE Pro32 Test Assistant Utility on their software in order to allow for ICD-10 formatted codes to be accepted by the software program.